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SUBJECT: W/W ARRESTS

1. AS THE DEPT IS AWARE, CONSULAR REPS AND EMBASSY'S PRISONER WELFARE COMMITTEE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ASSIST U.S. PRISONERS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. A PARTICULAR CONCERN HAS BEEN THE INADEQUATE DIAV PROVIDED BY PRISON AUTHORITIES. ALTHOUGH PRISONERS GENERAL SUPPLEMENT PRISON FARE BY PURCHASING MEAT AND OTHER FOODS, FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE NOTICABLY LACKING. SUCH A POORLY BALANCED DIET OFTEN LEADS TO SUSCEPTIBILITY TO DISEASE AND POOR DENTAL HEALTH.

2. CONSULAR REPS AND AMERICAN WOMEN VOLUNTEERS WHO ACCOMPANY THEM TO JAILS OFTEN PROVIDE SMALL AMOUNTS OF FOOD AS A TREAT FOR PRISONERS. HOWEVER, TO FURTHER SUPPLEMENT INADEQUATE DIET, THE EMB REQUESTED A LOCAL AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO DONATE A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF MULTIPLE VITAMINS FOR U.S. PRISONERS AND THE COMPANIES HAVE GENEROUSLY MADE SUCH A DONATION.

3. THE FIRST DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FREE VITAMINS WAS MADE TO U.S. PRISONERS IN SANTA MARTA, BARRANQUILLA AND CARTAGENA DURING REGULAR CONSULAR VISIT WEEK OF JAN 26. ADDITIONAL VITAMINS WILL BE DISTRUBUTED BY CONSULAR REPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
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